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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT: JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING:
ARRANGEMENTS FOR US DELEGATION

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1. BARINOV OF SCST TELEPHONED EMBASSY JUNE 11 AND REQUESTED EMBASSY TRANSMIT TO DOT FOLLOWING QUESTIONS REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR US DELEGATION ATTENDING THIRD MEETING OF JOINT US-USSR COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION COOPERATION TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER IN MOSCOW. BARINOV REQUESTED REPLIES ASAP TO ASSIST SCST IN PLANNING FOR US DELEGATION ARRIVAL.

A) HOW MANY MEMBERS WILL THERE BE IN US DELEGATION?

B) HOW MANY DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SPOUSES?

C) HOW LONG WILL US DELEGATION REMAIN IN USSR AFTER CLOSE OF FORMAL SESSIONS?

D) WHAT CLASS OF HOTEL, PRICE RANGE OF ACCOMMODATIONS, TYPE OF ROOMS, DOES US DELEGATION WISH IN MOSCOW?

2. FYI: RE QUESTION D. SCST WISHES CONFIRM REQUEST MADE DURING RECENT RAMUNDO VISIT THAT US DELEGATION BE PROVIDED ACCOMMODATION IN NON-INTOURIST MODERATE-PRICE MOSCOW HOTEL. SCST WILLING ARRANGE SUCH ACCOMMODATION BUT CONCERNED THAT
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DELEGATION MIGHT FIND ROOMS UNACCEPTABLE UPON ARRIVAL. FIRST

CLASS INTOURIST ROSSIYA HOTEL, FOR EXAMPLE, OFFERS ROOMS AT 80-130 RUBLES, DELUXE; 35 RUBLES, SEMI-DELUXE; 25 RUBLES, ORDINARY. NON-INTOURIST HOTELS MAY OFFER ROOMS AS LOW AS 10 RUBLES, BUT SUCH HOTELS LACK CONVENIENCES OF INTOURIST HOTELS (ENGLISH-SPEAKING STAFF, CENTRAL LOCATION, ETC.) AND ROOMS MAY LACK BATH. SCST WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS RE HOTEL REQUIRMENTS TO ATTEMPT ENSURE DELEGATION SATISFACTION WITH ACCOMMODATIONS.
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